ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Status information concerning a particular terminal can be provided through a simple arrangement while utilizing a general-purpose network. A terminal which generates
5   status information has a status sensing unit for sensing the status of the terminal or of an input/output unit. Information representing the status sensed is converted to text-format data and is transferred to a server on a network such as the Internet at predetermined time intervals by a
10   unit for generating transmitted data. The data is stored as a file. An information display terminal uses a browser to read the data out of the server and display the data.